

To the right Honourable the House of Commons,  
assembled in Parliament.

The humble petition of Thomas Man, Humphrey Lorne, Clement Knight,  
Thomas Parick, Thomas Purscot, William Jaggard, John Deate,  
Nicolas Bourne, William Jente, Simon Stafford, William Luggler,  
John Dawson, Nathaniel Newbery, John Trundle, Henry Gosson, George  
Morton, John Speed, George Humble, John Tapp, Christoffer Purset,  
John Wright, Pulbert Wright, George Latham, John Masroth, John  
Grismar, Thomas Langly, John White, Phillip Birch, George Lowe,  
Richard Charlaker, Lament Duley, with many others.

Whereas Roger Moad and Thomas Simcocke, for the benefit of Maie-  
ty Dorset (a Frenchman) have of late obtained from the King's most excellent  
Maiesty under the great Seal of England, a Priviledge to imprint, utter, & sell,  
all and all manner of Brieves of Letters Patente for loss of pier or water,  
all Indentures for Apprentices, all indentures for waterworks, all bonds and Re-  
cognizances, all licenses to gather by, licenses to marry, licenses for Victualers, all  
acquittances, all articles for visitations of Bishops and Officials, all bills for  
teaching Schollers, bills for Whistons, and all play-bills, all passports, Charters,  
Epitaphs, portraictures and pictures whalsoever, and all other things printed, and  
hereafter to be printed by one side only of a sheet or sheets of paper, or a skin or  
skins of parchment, as more at large by the said grant may appear.

Now may it please this Honorable Assembly to be informed, That the Peti-  
tioners respectively have ever had the free use of printing these things, from the first  
times the same were imprinted, untill the seventeenth yeare of his Maiesties  
happy Reigne. And if the benefit thereof be taken from the petitioners, it will not  
only be a great hinderance unto them who have bene brought up in this Art, and  
maintained themselves and their severall families thereby, But also to all other his  
Maiesties loving Subjects that have occasion to use any of the things mentioned in  
the said Letters Patente.

The humble suite of the Petitioners is, that this Honorable Assembly  
will take such order, that the Petitioners may have free liberty to imprint  
the premises, as formerly they have done, before the said Letters Patente  
were granted.

And they shall ever pray, &c.

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